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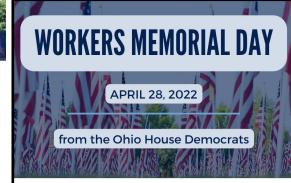
Happy April! This month has been a busy one, with the House's primary focus being the House Bill 33, the operating budget, which determines how much money the state will spend over the next two fiscal years. This past week, the House voted to pass the budget and send it to the Senate for further consideration.

I voted in support of the budget because it contains a number of caucus budget priorities, including investments in families, children, workers and communities. My Democratic colleagues and I are working to ensure our public schools are fully and fairly funded, that Ohioans have access to affordable housing, and we invest in maternal/infant care. These priorities will drive Ohio forward, making us more competitive and guarantee Ohio is the best place to work, live, and raise a family.

It is an honor to serve you as your state representative. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Tavia Galonski** State Representative Ohio House District 33



April 28 marks the day when the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act was enacted. This landmark legislation created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), greatly improving workplace safety.

Workers Memorial Day remembers workers who have been killed, injured, or made sick on the job. Ohio's workers keep our state competitive and are the reason Ohio is an economic leader in America. I am committed to fighting for workers' rights to ensure we all have safe workplaces, proper training and fair pay.



I am hosting office hours on **Monday, May**1st at the Maple Valley Branch Library from 1-3pm. I hope to see you there!

I will be hosting more office hours throughout the 33rd District this year to learn about the issues that matter most to you.

Please check Facebook for the most updated information on in-district events.

## Recognizing Black Maternal Health Week

The week of April 11-17 marked Black Maternal Health Week. Black mothers are 3 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications compared to white women.

As a Black mother myself, I am committed to addressing this injustice by supporting Doula services, the Strong Foundations Act and removing barriers many Black mothers face to receiving quality healthcare.



## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Every 68 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. April is designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month and is meant to raise awareness regarding the prevalence of sexual assault, educating people on how to minimize the risk of sexual assault as well as how to help survivors.



I am committed to promoting policies that support and empower survivors of sexual violence, which is why this month, I introduced **House Bill 124** with Rep. Jessica Miranda (D-Forest Park). This legislation would eliminate the statute of limitations for rape, and extend the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse.

I believe that all survivors deserve the opportunity to pursue justice, no matter who they are, where they are from, or when their assault occurred.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual assault you can call 800-656-4673 to be connected to a local sexual assault service provider. More information here: <a href="https://www.rainn.org/get-help">https://www.rainn.org/get-help</a>

## House Democrats Unveil People First Agenda

On April 25th, I joined my colleagues in the House Democratic Caucus to introduce our People First legislative priorities.

Putting People First means working to build the Ohio that we deserve, where elected officials are not just politicians but public servants striving to overcome obstacles and achieve meaningful, positive change in their communities.

A major part of our People First agenda focuses on job creation and retention in Ohio. I will fight for investments in infrastructure and local communities, support for our teachers and educational institutions, increases in accessible affordable housing, and investments in our workers.

Investing in Ohio's workers is vital in ensuring our

state's continued success. It promotes economic growth, social mobility, innovation, and inclusivity, leading to a more prosperous and vibrant state for all of us. I believe that putting People First is the key to building a stronger Ohio.



